

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHRISTINE WALKER, D.O.
Holder of License No. 006029

For the practice of osteopathic medicine in
the State of Arizona

Case No.: DO-15-0199A

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT
FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
STIPULATED ORDER FOR SUSPENSION AND
EVALUATIONS

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Christine Walker, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following interim action in this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Stipulated Order ("Interim Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

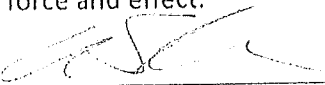
3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.

1 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter
2 and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board
3 and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any
4 other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency
5 proceeding, or civil or criminal court proceedings, in the State of Arizona or any other state or
6 federal court.

7 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this
8 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director,
9 Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications
10 to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the
11 parties.
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13 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that
14 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the
15 National Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.
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17 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
18 unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in
19 force and effect.

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21 CHRISTINE WALKER, D.O.

22 12/10/15
23 DATED

24 JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS

25 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800 et seq., to regulate the

1 practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and the conduct of the persons
2 licensed, registered, or permitted to practice osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 006029 issued by the Board for the
4 practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

5 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

6 3. Respondent is currently under a disciplinary order for probation issued in Case
7 no. DO-14-0014A the terms of which require her to participate in the Board's substance abuse
8 monitoring program (as initially ordered in Case no. DO-12-0191A).

9 4. On September 19, 2015, the Board received notice that had missed three
10 random drug screening tests, had not forwarded quarterly reports from her health care
11 professionals and had not received prior approval for changing her primary care physician as
12 required by the monitoring program and the terms of Respondent's probation.

13 5. On November 21, 2015, the Board held an Investigative Hearing on this matter.
14 Respondent appeared personally and was represented by counsel.

15 6. The information the Board reviewed indicates that Respondent failed to submit
16 to three random drug tests on June 13, 2015, June 22, 2015 and August 8, 2015.

17 7. As of November 21, 2015, the Board has not received the required quarterly
18 updates from Respondent's healthcare providers.

19 8. Respondent changed primary care physicians in June 2015. She did not notify or
20 seek approval from the Board's Executive Director until September 2015.

21 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

22 9. The conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a
23 violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854 (25), which states "Violating a formal order, probation or a
24 stipulation issued by the board under this chapter."
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ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Christine Walker, D.O.'s osteopathic medical license, number 006029, is placed on SUSPENSION for a minimum period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Order (the effective date is the date the Order is signed by the Executive Director) subject to the following terms:

1. Respondent shall not practice osteopathic medicine of any kind or in any manner, including medicine involving direct or indirect patient care. Further, Respondent is prohibited from offering or performing any form of osteopathic medical treatment or prescribing medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission from the Board to return to the practice of medicine after determining Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions as set forth below. The Suspension shall continue until such determination is made by the Board.
2. Respondent shall comply with all terms ordered in Case No. DO-12-0191A and DO-14-0014A.
3. Prior to applying to the Board for permission to return to practice, Respondent shall undergo the Phase I and II evaluations by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program ("PACE"), at the University of San Diego (619-543-6770 / www.paceprogram.ucsd.edu) or a practice assessment through The Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP") in Denver, Colorado (303-577-3232 or www.cpepdoc.org), or an equivalent program that has been pre-approved by the Board's Executive Director, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.
4. Respondent shall cause all reports resulting from the evaluation(s)/assessment to be delivered directly from the evaluator to the Executive Director of the Board.

- 1 5. Prior to applying to the Board for permission to return to practice, Respondent shall
2 undergo an updated neuropsychological evaluation by a licensed health care
3 provider who has been pre-approved by the Board's Executive Director.
- 4 6. Prior to applying to the Board for permission to return to practice, Respondent shall
5 undergo a psychiatric evaluation performed by a licensed psychiatrist, who has been
6 pre-approved by the Board's Executive Director.
- 7 7. Respondent shall cause all reports resulting from the neuropsychological and
8 psychiatric evaluations to be delivered directly from the evaluator to the Executive
9 Director of the Board.
- 10 8. During the term of suspension, Respondent shall continue to receive psychiatric
11 treatment on a weekly basis from a psychiatrist or psychologist pre-approved by the
12 Board's Executive Director. Treatment shall continue on a weekly basis until such
13 time as the psychiatrist/psychologist notifies the Board in writing that the frequency
14 of treatment should be or has been changed. The Respondent shall ensure that the
15 psychiatrist submits reports regarding her progress in treatment to the Executive
16 Director on a quarterly basis. The first report is due on or before March 15, 2016.
- 17 9. Within forty-five days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain
18 consultation with a dietician to ensure Respondent has appropriate nutritional
19 guidance. The dietician must be pre-approved by the Board's Executive Director.
20 The Respondent shall ensure that the dietician's initial evaluation and
21 recommendations be forwarded to the Board's Executive Director.
- 22 10. The Board's staff is directed to perform a random audit of twenty (20) of
23 Respondent's charts and to provide Respondent with a copy of the results of the
24 audit.
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1 11. Costs: Respondent shall bear all costs incurred in connection with compliance with
2 this Order.

3 12. Obey All Laws: Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules
4 governing the practice of medicine in Arizona.

5 13. This is an Interim Order and is not a final decision by the Board.

6 14. Ceasing practice in the State of Arizona: In the event that Respondent ceases to
7 practice medicine in the State of Arizona, by moving out of state, failing to renew
8 her license, or maintaining an Arizona license but ceasing to practice clinical
9 medicine or administrative medicine requiring licensure, Respondent shall notify the
10 Board that she has ceased practicing in Arizona, in writing, within 10 days of ceasing
11 to practice. In its sole discretion, the Board may stay the terms of this Order until
12 such time as the Respondent resumes the practice of medicine in Arizona, or may
13 take other action to resolve the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in
14 this Consent Agreement for Suspension.

15 15. Failure to Comply/Violation: Respondent's failure to comply with any one of the
16 requirements of this Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct as defined by
17 A.R.S. § 32-1854 (25) and proven violations may be grounds for further disciplinary
18 action (including suspension or revocation of license).

19 ISSUED THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.
20 ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
21 IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY



By: Jenna Jones
Jenna Jones, Executive Director

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2 Original "Interim Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Suspension and Evaluations"
3 filed this 11th day of December, 2015 with:

4 Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners
5 In Medicine and Surgery
6 9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road
7 Scottsdale AZ 85258-5539

8 Copy of the "Interim Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Suspension and Evaluations"
9 sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, this 11th day of December, 2015 to:

10 Steve Myers, Esq.
11 Myers & Jenkins
12 714 E. Rose Lane, Ste. 100
13 Phoenix, AZ 85014

14 and

15 Christine Walker, D.O.
16 Address of Record

17 Copies of this "Interim Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Suspension and
18 Evaluations" filed/sent this 11th day of December, 2015 to:

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